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Title: Need to check the pollution to water bodies by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. at Paradip in Odisha.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): I would like to state that the pollutant effluent containing oil discharged by Indian Oil Corporation Limited at Paradip in Odisha into nearby water bodies has been constatntly posing threat to aquatic life and people of the region. In last session, I had also drawn attention of the Ministers concerned to the incident which occurred in the month of June in which a large number of dead fishes were found floating in water bodies adjacent to the IOCL at Paradip, Odisha due to oil mixed effluents from the Indian Oil refinery plant. Recently, in the month of October, the effluents having higher concentration of pollutants released into water bodies by IOCL have severely affected the livelihood of fishermen communities in the region. The farmers are also apprehensive to use the water of the polluted rivers and creeks nearby IOCL for irrigation purpose. It is well known that industries propel the development process if it functions as per the industrial norms, otherwise it creates enormous destruction. So, to ensure development of farmers and fishermen of this region alongwith industrial developemnt, the IOCL authority should take appropriate measures to treat the effluents before releasing it into the nearby water bodies.

Hence, I urge upon the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas as well as the Minster of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to look into the matter and take adequate technological measures to treat the effluents and order the concerned authority of IOCL to stop careless disposal of contaminants in nearby water bodies.